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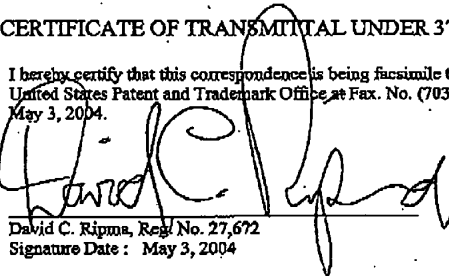
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)**

Sir:

Applicants herewith respond to a Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on April 2, 2004 in the above-identified  
application. A copy of the Notice is attached.

Applicant's attorney cannot understand the Notice. The Notice states that "A complete listing of all of the claims is not present." Applicant's last-filed amendment, dated December 19, 2003, included a complete listing of all claims.

In response to the Notice, applicant's attorney attempted on numerous occasions to call the telephone number on the bottom of the Notice, 571-272-1567. Messages were left at the number at least three different times.

Last week, applicant's attorney finally called Examiner Vinh Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen, like applicant's attorney, was unable to see any reason for the Notice. Examiner Nguyen received applicant's December 19, 2003 Response and did not consider it non-compliant. He suggested that this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be filed and he offered to look into the matter.

Applicant, having received no additional information, is filing this explanation and request in accordance with the Examiner's instructions.

Please call attorney David Ripma at (360) 834-8754 if there are any further submissions required in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 12-32-03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

## THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☐ E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/prconnotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of **ONE MONTH** from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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